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Appl. No. : 09/912,082
Confirmation No. : 5520
Applicant : Yoshinori Muramatsu

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Title : Fingerprint Authentication
Apparatus

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2004

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	0	0	X \$18
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	0	0	X \$86
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		0

Application No. 09/912,082
Office Action dated 07/14/2004
Response to O.A. dated 09/03/04

In response to the Office Action of July 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.